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News

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Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In July 2005, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a total of **ten (10) recalls relating to products affecting children**. Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past two months.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice. If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128**.

Following is a listing of the 10 "KIDS" recalls by title and identification number (when available):

- ❖ Dorel Juvenile Group issues alert on Safety 1st Tubside Bath Seats. #05-219
- ❖ Graco Children's Products Inc. recalls Duo Tandem and certain MetroLite™ Strollers. #05-221
- ❖ Pokémon USA recall Pokémon Plush Toys. #05-222
- ❖ Sycamore Kids Inc recalls Mountain Buggy Jogging Strollers. #05-226
- ❖ Target recalls Children's Toy Trucks. #05-228
- ❖ Radio Flyer Inc recalls Toddler Walker Wagon. #05-230
- ❖ H&M recalls Baby Denim and Knit Jackets. #05-231
- ❖ Meco Corp. recalls Children's Folding Chairs. #05-232
- ❖ Idea Nuova Inc. announces recall to repair Children's Folding Chairs. #05-233
- ❖ Fourstar Group announces recall to repair Kid's Folding Chairs. #05-234

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

"KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!"

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Release Number (05-219): Dorel Juvenile Group, of Columbus, Ind., announced a warning for parents and caregivers who purchased the Safety 1st Tubside Bath Seats. The company has sold about 250,000 units. These Safety 1st Tubside Bath Seats have model number 44301 engraved on the bottom of the base. "Safety 1st" is printed on the front of the units. They are white and blue, have a swivel seat and an elbow cushion on the attachment arm. These seats are intended for use with children from 5 months to 10 months of age. Discount department and other mass merchants sold these bath seats from December 2003 through August 2004 for about \$20.

Problem: The bath seats are not intended and should not be used with certain non-traditional or sunken bathtubs. In these types of tubs, the bath seat can break, tip over and a child can fall into the water.

What to do: This product is NOT for use with the following style tubs:

- Tubs with edge width less than 3 ½ inches or greater than 5 ½ inches.
- Tubs with depth (top to bottom) less than 12 inches or greater than 15 inches.
- Free standing (legged or pedestal), oval, drop-in, or spa type tubs
- DO NOT use the bath seat if the Red Warning Label on the arm is exposed.
- ALWAYS keep child within arm's reach. Children have drowned when left unattended in bath seats.

Consumers who have a Tubside Bath Seat should check the dimension of their tubs. If they have a non-traditional or sunken bathtub outside the specified dimensions, or have a broken unit the consumer should immediately stop using the Tubside Bath Seat and contact the firm at (888) 698-6681 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or visit the firm's Web site at www.safety1st.com for information on how to get a \$20 rebate toward the purchase of any other Dorel Juvenile Group product. Consumers should not return product to retail stores.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml/05/05219.html>

Release Number (05-221): Graco Children's Products Inc., of Exton, Pa. is voluntarily recalling about 1 million Duo Tandem and about 143,000 MetroLite strollers. The recalled Duo Tandem strollers, manufactured between 1994 and 1999, have two seats, one seat in front and one seat in back. The strollers have a blue, white or green plastic and steel frame. They have four wheels in the front and two wheels in the rear. The cloth seats and tops have various colors and patterns. There is a label with the model and serial number on the stroller's frame. Only strollers with serial numbers and model numbers listed below are included in this recall.

Graco Duo Tandem Model Numbers	Serial Number Range
7950 7955 7960 7965 7970 7980	Between 01011994 and 12311999
7990	Between 01011996 and 10311998

The recalled MetroLite strollers, manufactured in 2000 and 2001, have a blue, gray or black plastic and steel frame. The cloth seat and top have various colors and patterns. The strollers have four wheels in the front and two wheels in the rear. These strollers were sold as a stand-alone stroller and also as part of a travel system that included an infant car seat/carrier and a

base. The car seat/carrier is not affected. There is a label on the cross bar under the foot rest containing the model and serial number. Only strollers with serial numbers between 10012000 and 12312001 in the first 8 digits and the following model numbers are included in this recall.

Graco MetroLite Model Numbers	
6110DW	6114HAV
6114NGS	7413MRN
6110F3	6114JAM
7410CON	
6111FKB	
7413CML	

The Duo tandem strollers were sold at discount, department and juvenile product stores nationwide from January 1994 through December 2000 for between \$80 and \$150. The MetroLite strollers were sold at discount, department and juvenile product stores nationwide from November 2000 through December 2002 for between \$100 and \$200. Both were manufactured in China.

Problem: These strollers can fail to latch properly and unexpectedly collapse while in use. This can result in broken bones, cuts, bumps, bruises and other injuries to young children riding in the stroller and consumers pushing the stroller.

What to do: Consumers should stop using these strollers immediately and contact the firm at (800) 345-4109 anytime or log on to the firm's Web site at www.gracobaby.com to receive a free repair kit. The kit includes a custom-designed latch that consumers should attach to the stroller's frame to ensure it is properly latched. The repair kit will be available in approximately 1 to 2 weeks.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06047.html>

Release Number (05-222): Pokémon USA Inc. of New York, N.Y. is voluntarily recalling about 9,200 Pokémon Plush Toys. The recall involves 10 "Pokédoll" plush toy characters including Pikachu, Minun, Plusle, Skitty, Eevee, Munchlax, Mew, Ho-Oh, and Lugia. Pikachu comes in a 12-inch and a 6-inch tall version. All of the other characters are approximately 6-inches tall. They have a sewn-in label that reads: "Pokémon Center ©2005 Pokémon /Nintendo /Creatures/ GAME FREAK" on one side and "2005 MADE IN CHINA" on the other. They were sold at Nintendo World, 10 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, and on the firm's Web site from April 2005 through June 2005 for between \$8 and \$20. The PokéDoll plush toys were also given away as promotions by Nintendo of America Inc. at the E3 Conference in Los Angeles in May 2005. They were manufactured in China.

Problem: The stuffing of the toy may contain tips of sewing needles which could pose a puncture hazard.

What to do: Parents should take these toys away from children immediately and contact Pokémon USA at (800) 930-6613 anytime or visit Pokémon's Web site at www.pokemoncenter.com/recall.asp to receive a free replacement toy.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05222.html>

Release Number (05-226): Sycamore Kids Inc., of Fort Collins, Colo. is voluntarily recalling about 2,200 Mountain Buggy Urban Single and Urban Double Jogging Strollers. The recalled strollers have a metal frame and a cloth seat with a sun canopy. The strollers were sold in a variety of solid colors, including navy, red, black, silver and orange. A metal plate above the footrest shows the Mountain Buggy logo with "Mountain Buggy" written underneath. "URBAN" also is written on the metal plates. The recalled Mountain Buggy Urban Single strollers have item number U1204-002, and serial numbers between 000000 and 0003342. The recalled Mountain Buggy Urban Double strollers have item number U2204-002, and serial numbers between 000000 and 006957. The serial number and model number are on the back of the metal plate. They were sold at baby furniture and baby product stores nationwide and Web retailers from December 2004 through July 2005 for between \$400 and \$600 and manufactured in New Zealand.

Problem: The handlebar can crack or break causing the handlebar to possibly detach while in use, posing a risk of injury to young children.

What to do: Contact Sycamore Kids at (866) 524-8805 anytime, or write to support@mountainbuggyusa.com to find an authorized repair center to receive a free replacement handlebar ratchet.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05226.html>

Release Number (05-228): Target Corp., of Minneapolis, Minn. is voluntarily recalling about 17,400 "So Hot Way Cool Free Wheel Trucks". The recall includes four-piece "So Hot Way Cool Free Wheel" Truck sets. Various trucks sold in the sets include a combination of fire trucks, oil trucks, vegetable trucks, sanitation trucks, tow trucks and box trucks. Writing on the trucks includes, "EMERGENCY" or "CITY SERVICE."

The words "So Hot Way Cool Free Wheel Truck" and the item number 204 02 0838 are written on the packaging. They were sold at Target Stores nationwide from April 2005 through May 2005 for about \$5 and manufactured in China.

Problem: Small parts could break off the truck, posing a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should take the toy trucks away from children and return them to the nearest Target store for a gift card in the amount of a full refund (\$5.00, plus applicable state taxes).



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05228.html>

Release Number (05-230): Radio Flyer Inc. of Chicago, Ill. is voluntarily recalling about 38,000 Classic Walker Wagon. The recalled wooden Walker Wagon has a push handle and removable wooden stake sides. It is 22-inches long, 12-inches wide and 16 ½-inches high at the top of the handle. The Walker Wagon body is red and has the name "Radio Flyer" in white lettering on each side. The recalled Walker Wagons have black plastic clickers that make a clicking sound when the plastic wheels turn. The clickers are located between the rear wheels and the wagon. The Walker Wagon is intended for children 1 to 4 years old. The Walker Wagons with clear plastic clickers are not included in this recall. This item was sold at toy, department and discount stores, in catalogs, and by Web retailers from August 2003 through May 2005 for about \$80. It was manufactured in China.

Problem: The tips of the clickers, which make a clicking sound when the Walker Wagon wheels move, can break off. The broken clickers pose a choking or aspiration hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should immediately take these recalled Walker Wagons away from

young children and contact Radio Flyer at (800) 621-7613 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, log onto the company's Web site at www.radioflyer.com or e-mail Radio Flyer Inc. at 12repair@radioflyer.com for free replacement clickers.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05230.html>

Release Number (05-231): H&M, of New York, N.Y. is voluntarily recalling about 750 Baby Denim and Knit Jackets. These jackets are light blue denim with two breast pockets, a gray knit hood and gray knit sleeves. The buttons have "BABY" written on the front. A red and white "A" patch is sewn on the front, a blue "3" decal is on one sleeve and a red football is on the other sleeve. The recall included jackets sold in sizes 2 months through 18 months. Style number "432740" is written on the laundry care tag inside the jacket. "H&M" is written on the collar label. They sold at H&M retail stores nationwide from January 2005 through May 2005 for about \$15 and was manufactured in China.

Problem: The metal buttons can come loose and detach from these garments, posing a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Take these jackets away from young children immediately, and return the jacket to any H&M store for a full refund.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05231.html>

Release Number (05-232): Meco Corp., of Greeneville, Tenn. is voluntarily recalling about 175,000 Juvenile Folding Chairs. The recalled children's folding chairs have safety locks under the seat. The chairs are made of metal tubing with a vinyl padded seat and seat back. They were sold in red, blue, yellow and green colors as a part of a set consisting of a table and four chairs. Each chair is about 22-inches high, 10-inches wide, and about 11-inches deep. "Meco" or "Samsonite" is printed on the label underneath the seat bottom. They sold at furniture and wholesale club stores nationwide from July 2003 through May 2005 for between \$25 and \$40 and were manufactured in China.

Problem: Children's fingers can become caught or entrapped in the hinge and slot areas of the chair, posing a pinch or cut hazard. **Note:** In 2004, Meco recalled red-colored children's folding chairs because paint on the chair contained excessive lead levels, posing a lead poisoning hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should immediately stop using the chairs and contact Meco at (800) 251-7558 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or e-mail Meco's customer service at csr@meco.net. Consumers can also visit the company's Web site at www.meco.net for instructions on receiving a refund.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05232.html>

Release Number (05-233): Idea Nuova Inc., of New York, N.Y. is voluntarily recalling about 1.1 million Children's Folding Chairs. The recalled children's folding chairs are made of metal tubing with a vinyl padded seat and seat back. They were sold with the following designs: "Monkey Moods" a monkey with stars, "Rock n Roll" with a monkey playing a guitar, "Princess" with pink flowers and a crown, "Sport" with a football, basketball and soccer ball, "Training Camp" with frogs, "Rainbow Angel" with clouds, rainbows and stars, Spiderman®, and Disney® Princess. The recalled chairs were sold as part of a set consisting of a table and two chairs.

Each chair is about 22-inches high, 13 inches wide, and about 11 inches deep. "Idea Nuova Inc." or "I.N.I." is printed on a label located underneath the seat of the chairs. They were sold at discount department and toy stores nationwide from September 2004 through June 2005 for between \$15 and \$25 per set and manufactured in China.

Problem: The chair's safety lock can fail, allowing the chair to collapse or fold unexpectedly. Children's fingers can become caught or entrapped in the hinge and slot areas of the chair, posing a pinch or cut hazard. This can cause severe lacerations and finger tip amputations to children's fingers.

What to do: Consumers should stop using these chairs immediately, and contact Idea Nuova at 866-772-1666 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. ET Monday through Friday. Consumers can also e-mail Idea Nuova at repair@ideanuova.com for instructions on how to receive a free repair kit to replace the locking pin.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05233.html>

Release Number (05-234): Fourstar Group Inc., of Hopkinton, Mass. is voluntarily recalling about 522,000 Kid's Folding Chairs. The recalled kid's folding chairs are made of metal tubing with a vinyl padded seat and seat back. They were sold in red, blue, yellow, green, pink, and lavender solid colors. They also come in pink with "Princess" printed in red on the seat and seat back along with stars, crowns and hearts, or in blue with pictures of basketballs, soccer balls, footballs, football helmets, and rollerblades. The recalled chairs were sold individually or as part of a set consisting of a table and two chairs. Each chair is about 22-inches high, 13.5-inches wide, and about 11.5-inches deep. "MANUFACTURED BY FOURSTAR GROUP INC." OR "IMPORTED BY

FOURSTAR INTERNATIONAL TRADING COMPANY" is written on a label located underneath the seat of the chairs. They were sold at discount and grocery stores nationwide from July 2003 through July 2005 for about \$5 individually or about \$25 for a set. They were manufactured in China.

Problem: The chair's safety lock can fail, allowing the chair to collapse or fold unexpectedly. Children's fingers can become caught or entrapped in the hinge and slot areas of the chair, posing a pinch or cut hazard. This can cause severe lacerations and finger tip amputations to children's fingers.

What to do: Consumers should stop using the chairs immediately, and contact Fourstar at (866) 290-6191 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. ET Monday through Friday. Consumers can also visit the firm's Web site at www.fsgrecall.com for instructions on how to receive a free repair kit to replace the locking pin.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05234.html>

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